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News and Updates at NJPEP



MOVING UP!

- **CONGRATULATIONS to Dorothy Atkins.** She is now acting manager for Read First New Jersey. NJPEP will miss her! See the Read First Web site at <http://www.nj.gov/njded/readfirst/>
- **NJ ASK**, elementary school assessment information and 3rd and 4th Grade Questions from Around the U.S. <http://www.njpep.org/Workshops/ElemStandAssess.html> and don't forget to check out the NJ ASK official Web site at <http://www.ets.org/njask/>.
- "Evaluating Textbooks" is a section in **The New Science Standards** workshop – check here if you are about to buy a new textbook series. <http://www.njpep.org/Workshops/NewScienceStandards.html>.
- **Online Mentoring** – formal and informal ideas. <http://www.njpep.org/Educators/novteachmentor/Mentoring/online.html>.
- **More Opportunities!** Check out application, scholarship and workshop deadlines in the areas of science, health, mathematics, and history at <http://www.njpep.org/Workshops/Opportunities.htm>
- **What are Your Assessment Needs?** Take NJPEP's Opinion Poll Now! Check out the results from last month's poll too.

Selected NJPEP Workshops this Past Month

Workshops in New Jersey: 1. The Elementary Assessments: suggestions for thinking, instruction and, especially, formative and summative assessment; with links to NJ ASK; and for 5th-6th grade teachers.
2. All about NJPEP – for the Monmouth county supervisors and administrators.

Whom do you contact for hands-on or online information? Visit NJPEP's Workshops page or contact your Regional Office.
<http://www.njpep.org/Workshops/index.html>.
County-wide groups, conferences or organizations, contact NJPEP at 609-292-9069 or e-mail to njpep@doe.state.nj.us.

Check out these sites!

What Is Your Professional Development IQ? The National Staff Development Council (NSDC) has created twenty multiple-choice questions to enable you to assess yourself. (And you may also check the answers!) <http://www.nsdc.org/educatorindex.htm>.

March is... Women's History Month, Francophonie Month and National Nutrition Month, and much more! See NJPEP's home page www.njpep.org to jump onto these sites.

How Can We Teach Critical Thinking? by Kathryn S. Carr (<http://ericps.crc.uiuc.edu/eece/pubs/digests/1990/carr90.html>) is an excellent article found off NJPEP's Elementary, GEPA and HSPA Helpful Hints Series. See <http://www.njpep.org/Tutorials/index.html>. Major suggestions: *Critical Reading, Writing to Learn, and Classification Games*.